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Venice, March 19.

From Rome they write, that the Pope had given Orders for the fitting out immediately four Gallies; that the Marquis *del Carpio*, the new Spanish Ambassador, was arrived there, but had not as yet appeared in publick; and that the Cardinals *Raggi* and *Barberino* were made Legats of *Romagna* and *Urbino*.

Vienna, March 21. The 20 instant arrived here another Express, with Letters from the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, to the Emperor, and the Ministers here, giving an account of the posture of things in those Provinces; upon which, a great Council of War was held yesterday, at which the Emperor assisted; what resolutions were there taken, we know not, besides this one, that the General Officers that were here, should part forthwith from hence to the Army, and accordingly this morning the Duke of *Saxen-Lawenburg*, General *Dunewaldt*, the Marquis *de Grana*, and others, have begun their journey from hence. The Magistrates of *Strasbourg* having sent Deputies hither, to pray the Emperor to grant a Neutrality to the City of *Saverne*, as the French had offered to do, his Imperial Majesty has not consented thereunto, because the French pretend to keep the Citadel of *Saverne* in their hands. Two dayes since a Gentleman was sent Express, to give the Queen Dowager of Poland an account of the conclusion of the marriage between her and the Duke of *Lorraine*. We have not of late heard any thing from *Hungary*, but have reason to hope that the Rebels, which still stand out, will in a short time submit themselves, and embrace the Pardon offered them by the Emperor; and the rather, for that they write from *Constantinople*, that the Grand Signior had sent strict Orders to all the Governors of the Frontier places, not to give the said Rebels any assistance or protection whatsoever.

Copenhagen, March 23. Yesterday we had the certainty of the Swedes having retaken *Carelshaven* in the Province of *Bleekin*, so that they are now repossessed of that whole Province; and that they were marching with their whole Force towards *Helmstadt*, to attack it. Our Fleet is fitting out with all possible diligence, and we hope before the end of April, to have abroad a Squadrou of 18 Men of War. It is said that an Agreement is finally made between our King and the Bishop of *Munster*, by which the latter is obliged to assist us with several Troops this Summer.

Hamburgh, March 30. Great preparations are made in *Pomeran* on the part of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, for the carrying on the War this Summer; it is not doubted but the Campagne will be opened on that side, with the Siege of *Sterin*; and we are told that several Troops are already on their march, who are to block up the place, and keep it from receiving any succors, till the season be proper for the beginning the siege.

Strasbourg, March 26. The Marechal *de Crequi* is arrived very unexpected at *Saverne*, and has given Orders for the demolishing the Fortifications there, which done, the French will quite abandon it, as they have done at *Hagenaw*, they meaning to keep only in their hands in *Alsace* the Castle of *Dachstein*, which they

took lately. The French Troops assemble near *Brifac*, but will not be above 10 or 12000 strong. Our Magistrates have sent to Compliment the Marechal *de Crequi*, upon his arrival in these parts. The Duke of *Lorraine* is not yet marched from his quarters at *Essingen*, and, as our last Letters said, has deferred it till the next week, because of the impossibility of finding Forage and other subsistence for the Troops, till the season be more advanced. The Recruits which the Imperial Officers were to make in these parts, are now compleated. The Emperor will have a very great Army on foot this Campagne, beyond what he has had since this War, and we expect great things from it. The Duke of *Lorraine* will have the supreme Command, and his marriage with the Emperors Sister will not be Consummated till after the Campagne is ended.

Frankfort, March 28. We have this morning advice, that the Imperial Troops which were on their march through the *Bergstrat* towards the *Rhine*, in order to their passing it, at or near *Worms*, had received Orders to stop at a Village called *Loors*, till they receive farther directions. The Imperial Commissaries are very diligent to buy up all the Corn they can meet with, and have already provided above 30000 Malder; their great Magazine is at *Coblentz*, from whence we judge, that the Imperial Army will act on the *Moselle* this Campagne. From *Alsace* they write, that the French are now resolved to quit as well the Castle, as the Town of *Saverne*, after having demolished them, and that for the brideling the Lower *Alsace*, and the obliging the Inhabitants to pay their Contributions, they will keep a good Garison in the strong Castle of *Dachstein*, which was lately taken by the *Sieur de Monclar*, after having been three or four dayes before it, though not without suspicion of treachery in the Governor, who is believed to have been corrupted, for otherwise the place is of that strength, that those that were in it, might have defended it as many weeks as they did dayes.

Cologne, March 30. Signior *Bevilacqua*, the Popes Nuncio, is now in this City, and has his Lodgings in the Convent of the *Carmelites*. We do not hear that he intends to pass on to *Nimeguen*, till he has received farther Orders, or at least till the Spanish Ambassador, the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, arrive here likewise from *Vienna*. From *Ham* we are told, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was preparing for his departure from thence to *Wesel*, the Gout having pretty well left him.

Cleves, March 31. Several *Brandenburg* Troops arrive daily from *Minden* and *Lippstadt*, in order to the forming together with the other Confederates a flying Army for the security of this Countrey as well as of *Fuliers*, and the Dutch and Spanish *Brabant*, against the incursions of the French at *Maestricht*; the Rendezvous of the said Troops is appointed near *Keutler*, and General *Spaen* is to command them, who passed through this place on Sunday last in his way to *Breda*, whither he is sent by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to acquaint his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, that his Electoral Highness will be at *Wesel* this week; and that if his Highness has not time to come thither, the Elector will pass by water to *Grave*.

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